

Upcoming events

Based on survey feedback, we put the following events on our to-do list.

Parents' night out and open gym

Looking for a night out? On the third Saturday of each month, starting March 15, drop the kids off at the school gym and treat yourselves to a date night. The kids will enjoy a delicious dinner, games, and a movie, while you can relax and enjoy some grown-up time knowing the kids are safe. Hours will be 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM; \$20 for one child, \$30 for two or more. Kids 12 and older are welcome to enjoy the gym for \$1/person.

Community Theater and art contest/auction

We have some exciting ideas that can really let your creativity shine! These include an all-ages art show and a play that includes YOU!

For the play, we'll need volunteers from the community who are craving a chance in the spotlight. We're looking for set builders, actors, dancers, singers, and outgoing people of all ages to join the fun. Details about the play will be released this spring, and the performance will take place this summer.

For the art contest/auction, now's the time to begin your masterpiece. Kids ages 3 to 16 can enter an art piece for a chance to win a prize, and then choose to enter their piece in the silent auction. The main auction will be for ages 17 and older. Get exposure and a chance to earn some money! More details will be available in our next newsletter.

Farmers' Market park games

During the Farmers' Market season, join us every other Thursday night for park activities, such as kickball, relay races, and other outdoor games! Details for these games will be available at the market each Thursday.

Scavenger hunt

Learn more about the people and businesses in our community while having fun and getting a little exercise. All ages are welcome to come challenge their sleuthing abilities. We'll have different scavenger hunts throughout the summer. Watch our website for date/time info, or let us know if you want to be notified another way.

Movie night in the park

What better way to enjoy a movie than with family and friends on a beautiful night under the stars. Pack up the lawn chairs and join us for this free event. We'll have snacks on hand, so bring your appetite! Watch for dates and movie info to mark on your calendar.

Potluck/game night

Here's your chance to share your favorite dishes and make some new friends. We'll have games for kids, adults, and the entire family. A full belly and a fun night without the clean-up! Watch for the date/time in the next newsletter.

COMING SOON: A chance to bid on art from our community's up-and-coming artists, in addition to a few from renowned artists!

On May 15 at 6:00 PM in the elementary building, join us in celebrating the art from Mrs. Nancy Anderson's K-12 art students, and preview the submissions from grades 6-12 for a first-time art auction. Then at 7:00 PM, enjoy the musical stylings of the high school choir and band students in the gym.

Following the students' concert, grab some refreshments from the cafeteria, continue perusing the art gallery in and around the cafeteria, and then in the room across the hall from the cafeteria, submit your silent-auction bid.

Besides providing funds toward these students' summer dreams and helping us fund more events in our community, you could potentially walk away with an art piece to brighten up a special spot in your home or office.

In addition to the students' art, we have a gorgeous photograph donated by the Graphic Design Institute and an adorable limited-edition print donated by the School of Fine Art.

As the pieces are handed over to us, we'll be posting pictures of each auction item, information about each piece, and the minimum starting bid. All submissions will be posted online no later than May 11 for previewing.

Hope to see you all there!

Event recaps

Winter festival

Despite the lack of snow, we provided activities such as ice bowling, relay races, a photo booth with props, and hot dog roasting over a fire pit in the park. Crafts, face painting, and a fabric arts presentation took place inside the community center. The group and other community members provided a potluck that included many delicious dishes.

Coed scouts

We asked Michael Patten, a scout leader, to present information during the winter festival about starting a local scouting group for ages 5 through adult. We've been supporting the troops through PR and by offering funding to children and adults who want to be scouts or scout leaders but can't afford to join. Many children from ages 3-13 have signed up already and we anticipate interest in scouting to continue to grow.

Community chalkboard creation and a bouncy house

During the summer festival, we set up a free bouncy house for the kids, which was never empty. We also recruited a group from Seattle to provide a unique experience: an 8'-by-4' chalkboard was set up with gridlines dividing it into 32 squares. Members from the community young and old grabbed a printed section of a photograph that mapped to a section of the chalkboard, and then colored in that square on the chalkboard to match the photo section he or she selected. The result was one giant picture of something representative of our area, drawn by the community.

